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LABOUR MINISTER CONFEREENCE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 37th Labour Conference of the States was held this year;

(b) if so, the details of agenda of the said conference and the details of discussions held and decisions arrived at;

(c) whether the gulf disparity has widened and regional imbalance increased due to liberalisation;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard to bridge the said gap; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): Yes Sir. The 37th Session of the Indian Labour Conference (not Labour Conference of the States) was held on 18-19 May, 2001.

(b): The Conference discussed and made recommendations on the impact of globalisation on Indian Industry, Labour and Employment, Social Security of Workers and need for consultation with social partners for labour policy formulation.

(c) to (e): Though there is no concrete empirical evidence of growing inequalities in recent years, it is generally believed that nor everyone has gained equally as a result of the process of liberalization and economic reforms. Lack of education and skills is perceived as one of the main factors responsible for increasing income gap between low paid workers and skilled workers. The Government is taking necessary steps for improving the educational standards, quality of education, vocational training and skills relevant to the current requirement of the labour market which are expected to enable more workers to participate and benefit from the growth process.